Lesson 13: How to Put a Picture in a Text

This is a creative lesson where we'll teach you how to place an image inside a word. This effect is good for fliers, brochures as well as for banners on websites.

Before we begin, we thought you'd like to see what we're going to create together. Cool, isn't it?

Ready to start?

Create a **New Document** to these specifics:

- **Web - CD Digital Release**
- **Height**: **1500**
- **Transparent Background** (*checked*)

Click on the **Text Tool** (or *press* **T**).

Go to the **Contextual Toolbar** (far left side) and *click* on the first **Font** name you see and *type* **Impact** (or scroll down the list of Fonts). We like to just type the Font we want because it's much faster. If you don't have Impact, use Arial Black.
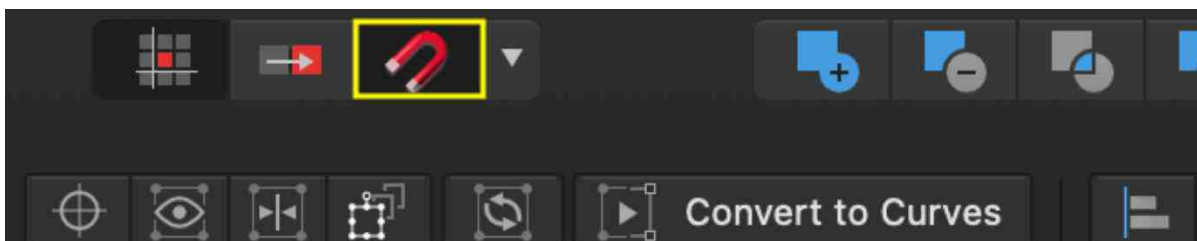
Press the **Caps Lock key** on your keyboard.

Click & *drag* out the **first letter** of OUTSIDE. It doesn't matter how big or small it is because we'll adjust its size in the next steps. But, if you look at the font size box (see our blue rectangle) while you are creating this first letter, you'll get a better idea how large your text is going to be. For this lesson, try to keep the size around 185 pt.
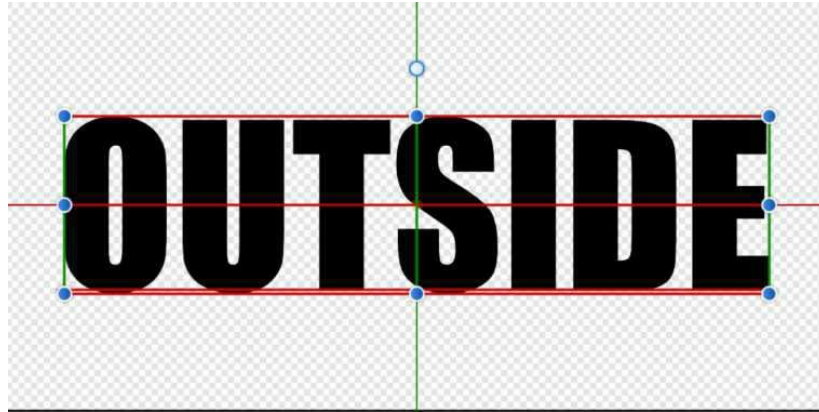

Type **OUTSIDE** in the middle area of the document.

Go to the **Toolbar** (far right side) & *click* on **Snapping** so its active (see yellow rectangle). If it's already active, dismiss this step. You'll see it's active if its button is darkened.

Click on the **Move Tool** & *reposition* the **text** to the exact center of the document. You'll see a two crosshair lines showing you when the text is centered (see this image).
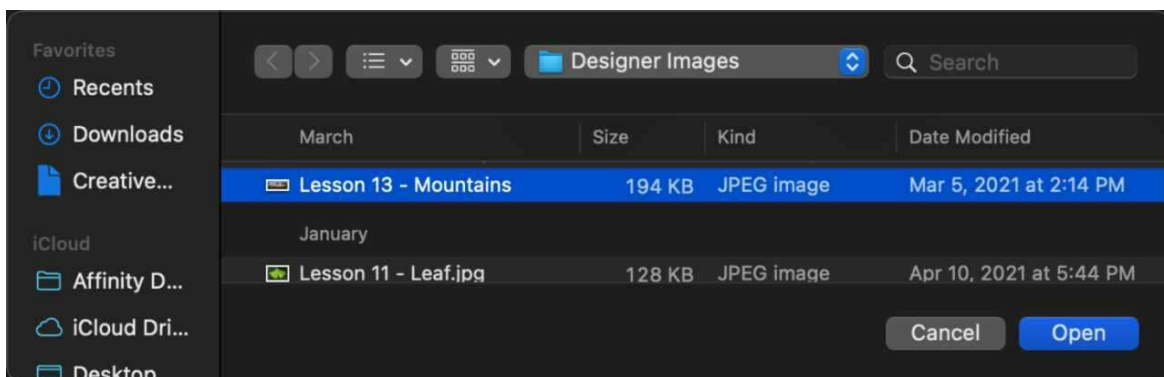
   Press the **Esc key** to *deselect* the **active Text layer** (or *click once* on the **canvas** area).

Note: If a layer is active, the Place... function won't work.

   Go to the **Menu Bar - File - Place...**

   Select the image named **Lesson 13 - Mountains** that's in your Designer Images folder and *press* **Open**.
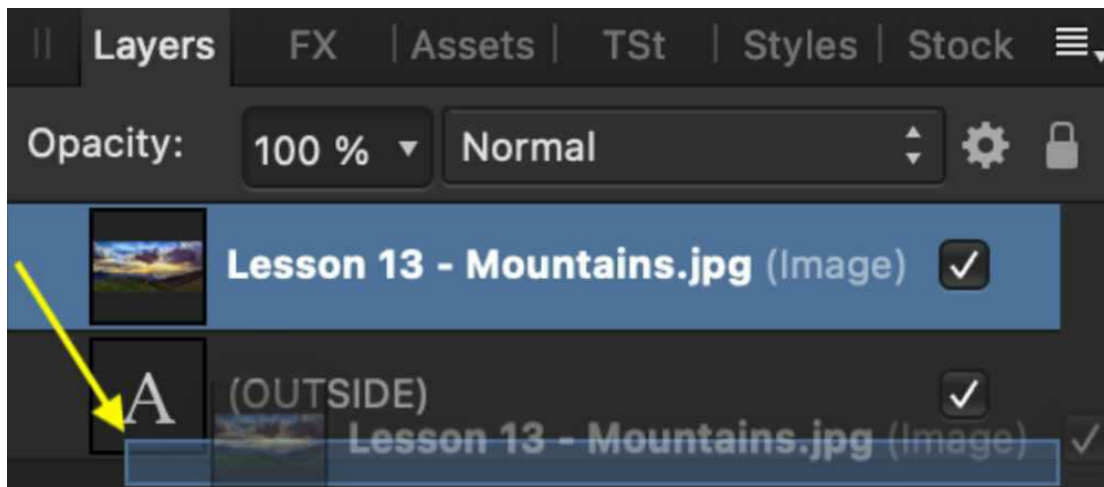

   Click & *drag* out the **mountain photo** starting in the top left corner of our document and ending in the far bottom right corner. The image will need to extend beyond the document. Don't worry if it does. We'll fix that in a second.

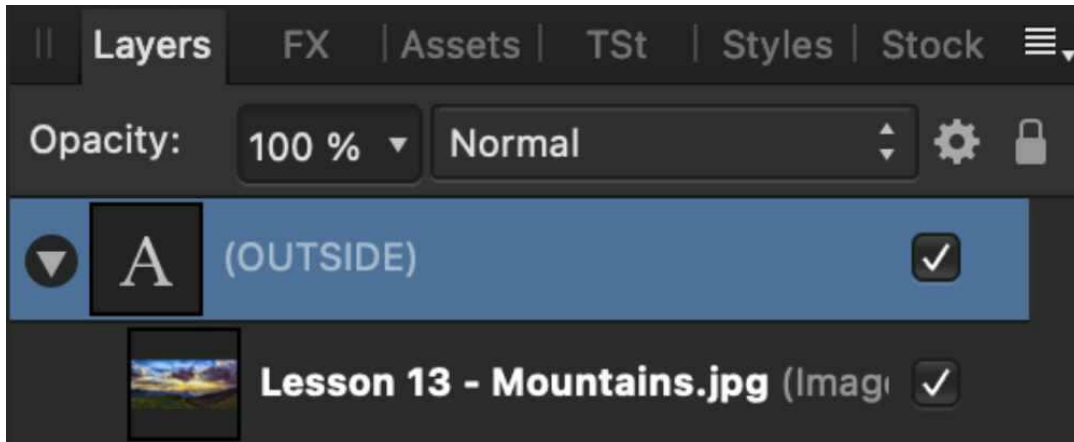This is what your document should look like now:

  Go to the **Layers Panel** & *click* & *drag* the **Mountains layer** below-and-to-the-right of the Text layer (see the yellow arrow for this action). The mountains layer is now a child layer of the Text layer.
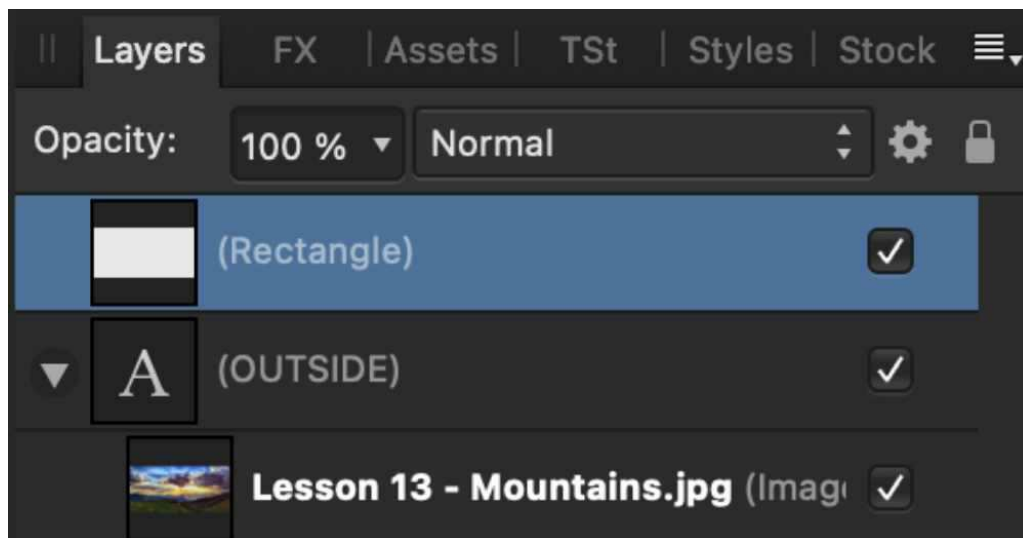

Now, we're going to create the black background to our text.

  Click on the **top layer** so it's highlighted in blue before you do the next step. This is necessary for this step to work.
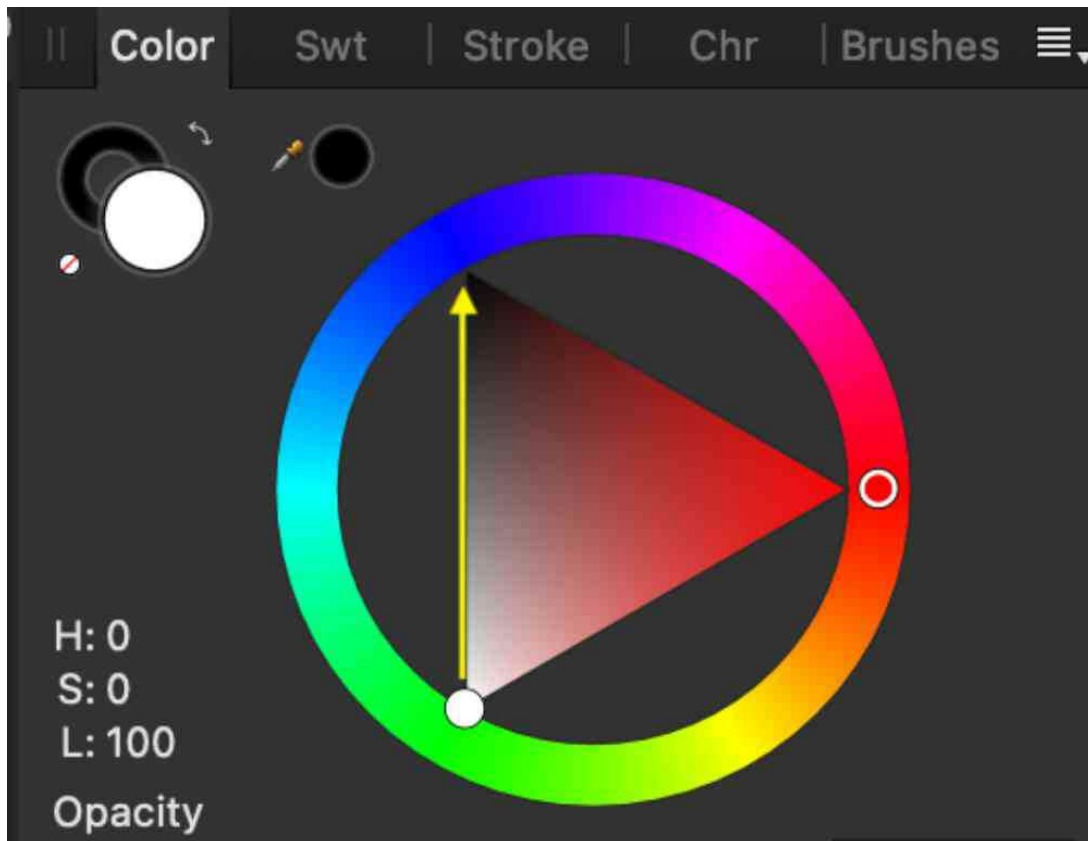
   Click on the **Rectangle Tool** and *click* & *drag* a **rectangle** over the entire document starting in the top-left area and extending down to the bottom right corner.

This is what our Layers Panel should look like now. Since the Rectangle was the last object we applied to our document, it is in the correct position - at the top.
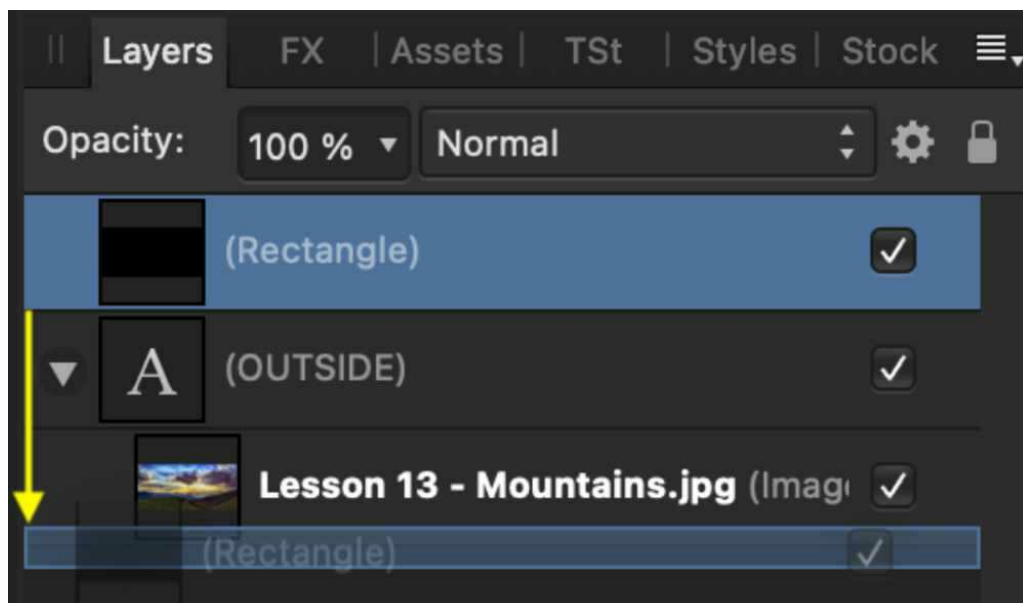

Let's now change the color of the rectangle shape. Since this will be our background, let's make it black.

   Go to the **Color Wheel** and *move* the **inner node** all the way up to black (see yellow arrow for this action).

   Click & *drag* the **top Rectangle layer** to the bottom of the Layers Panel (see the yellow arrow in the below image for this action). Make sure the left-side of its ethereal layer, as it's being repositioned, is all the way to the left before you release the mouse button.

This is what our document now looks like. Pretty nice, huh?

Our document is looking great, but we still have to add one more effect to the text.

Click on the **top Text layer** so it's highlighted in blue.

Go to the **Contextual Toolbar** (left side) and *click* on the **Stroke's color box** (see yellow rectangle in the image below). A color wheel will appear.

Move the **inner node straight** down to **white** (opposite what we did when we colored the Rectangle two images above).
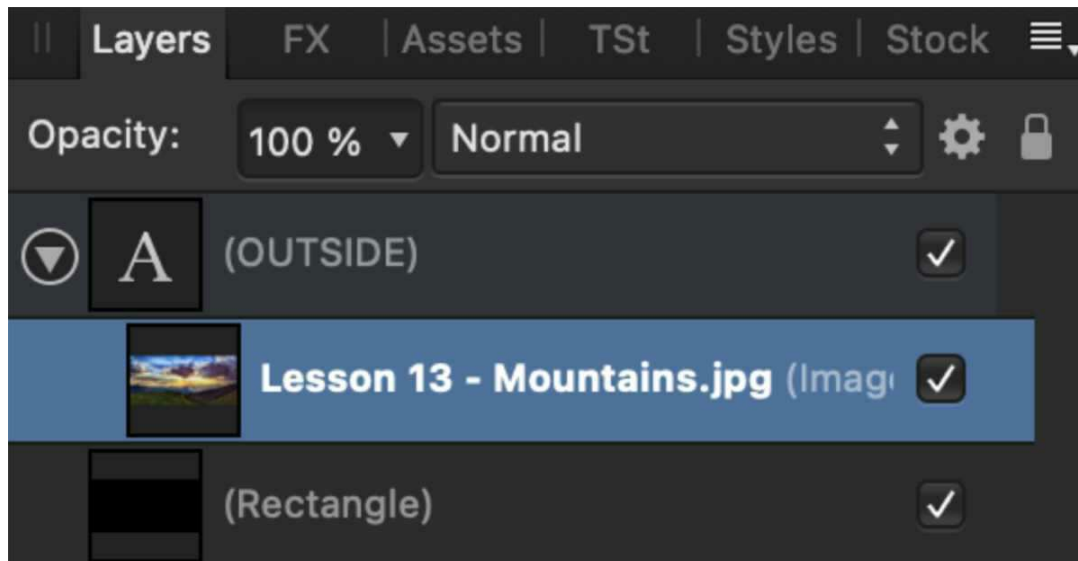
Click on the **Stroke** button (white rectangle) and *change* the Stroke's **Width** to **4 pt** (green rectangle) by either using the slider or typing 4 in its value box and pressing Return.

Perfect. Our document is looking great.

If you wanted to adjust the positioning of the photo inside the text, this is how you do it.

Click on the center **Mountains layer** so it's highlighted in blue.

Click on the **Move Tool** so it's activated. When you do this the blue nodes will again surround the mountains image. This means you can now reposition the image inside the text. We think the photo should be moved up, so we see more of the flowers. You decide what you like best.

Done. This is our final image.

Finished. You now know how to put a picture into text.